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Rockville, MD

Dear Sirs,

This letter is to urge you to grant petition 98P-0151/CPI to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain. The risk of bacterial contamination is greatly increased and it is impossible to move downed animals humanely. They are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains -- inhumane processes which cause severe injuries to the animals, everything from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligaments. They are living, feeling creatures, not mere objects and are therefor entitled to decent, humane treatment.

I appeal to your humanity and ask you to do what is right and decent and moral for the protection of these pitiful victims of neglect and indifference.

Thank you.

Yours truly,  
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